enactment allows only four months time for deposit and now after the High Court decision a civil suit that has been stayed is taken up and decreed, the result being that every tenant is evicted under the new decision of the High Court, is it not a difficulty which the Government should think that deserves to be rectified?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The High Court decision refers to cases coming under the Tenants and Ryots Protection Act. But there is a provision under the Malabar Tenancy Act, viz., section 55, which will cover the rest. Therefore there is no difficulty."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"What the High Court has held is that section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act does not confer any additional right on courts to stay suits apart from the Tenants and Ryots Protection Act?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The difference is this. Under the Tenants and Ryots Protection Act, arrears of rent up to a period of two years have to be deposited. Under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act no such deposit is required. In fact protection has been given under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and I do not see there is any hardship in its working."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Are the Government aware that, since the decision of the High Court suits which have been stayed have been taken up for hearing by the munsif courts and sub-courts and decreed and that the tenants go without any remedy because the time of four months has expired long ago?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I think those cases should have come under the Tenants and Ryots Protection Act which requires deposit. But if the aggrieved parties apply under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act, I think they will have protection."

Auditing of municipal accounts.

*463 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) who is responsible for the audit of accounts of municipalities;

(*b*) whether such audit is confined to purely budget expenditure or whether it extends to special funds raised by municipalities;

(*c*) whether the Kozhikode Municipality has raised any Tuberculosis Fund by running an exhibition for the last three years; and

(*d*) whether the Kozhikode Municipality requested the Government through a resolution to have the accounts of the exhibition audited and if so, what steps have been taken?

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

" (*b*) The audit extends to special funds which pass through the accounts of the Municipal Council.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No. Does not arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as conducting an exhibition has almost become the rule and not the exception with local bodies, will the Government take steps to see that the accounts of those exhibitions are also audited because in the Kozhikode Municipality for the last three years, and even to-day I know, the exhibition accounts have not been audited even in spite of the demand made by the municipal councillors? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is asked to check the accounts."

* 465 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I submit, Sir, that the question No. 465 may be taken up to-morrow." 10 a.m

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right."

Number of wells dug in Cuddapah district.

* 466 *Q*.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells dug so far in each taluk of Cuddapah district under the Rural Water-supply Scheme;

(*b*) what is the total amount of money spent on the same;

(*c*) how many of them are actually being used by the villagers and how many not; and

(*d*) whether the wishes of the people in the locality are ascertained in the selection of the site before the wells are dug?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The total number of wells sunk in the Cuddapah district under the Five Year Comprehensive Programme beginning from 1948–49 up to 31st December 1952 was 820 and the expenditure incurred on them was Rs. 24,15,144. A talukwar and yearwar statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) All the 820 completed wells are being used by the villagers.

" (*d*) Sites are being selected with a view to see that there is no contamination from unhealthy surroundings. The conveniences of the villagers regarding the proximity of the well sites to living habitations and the accessibility of the sites for all communities are also generally taken into consideration. The sites are selected after a joint inspection by the Minor Irrigation staff and Health Inspector, and generally the wishes of the people in the locality are also ascertained."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 215 infra.